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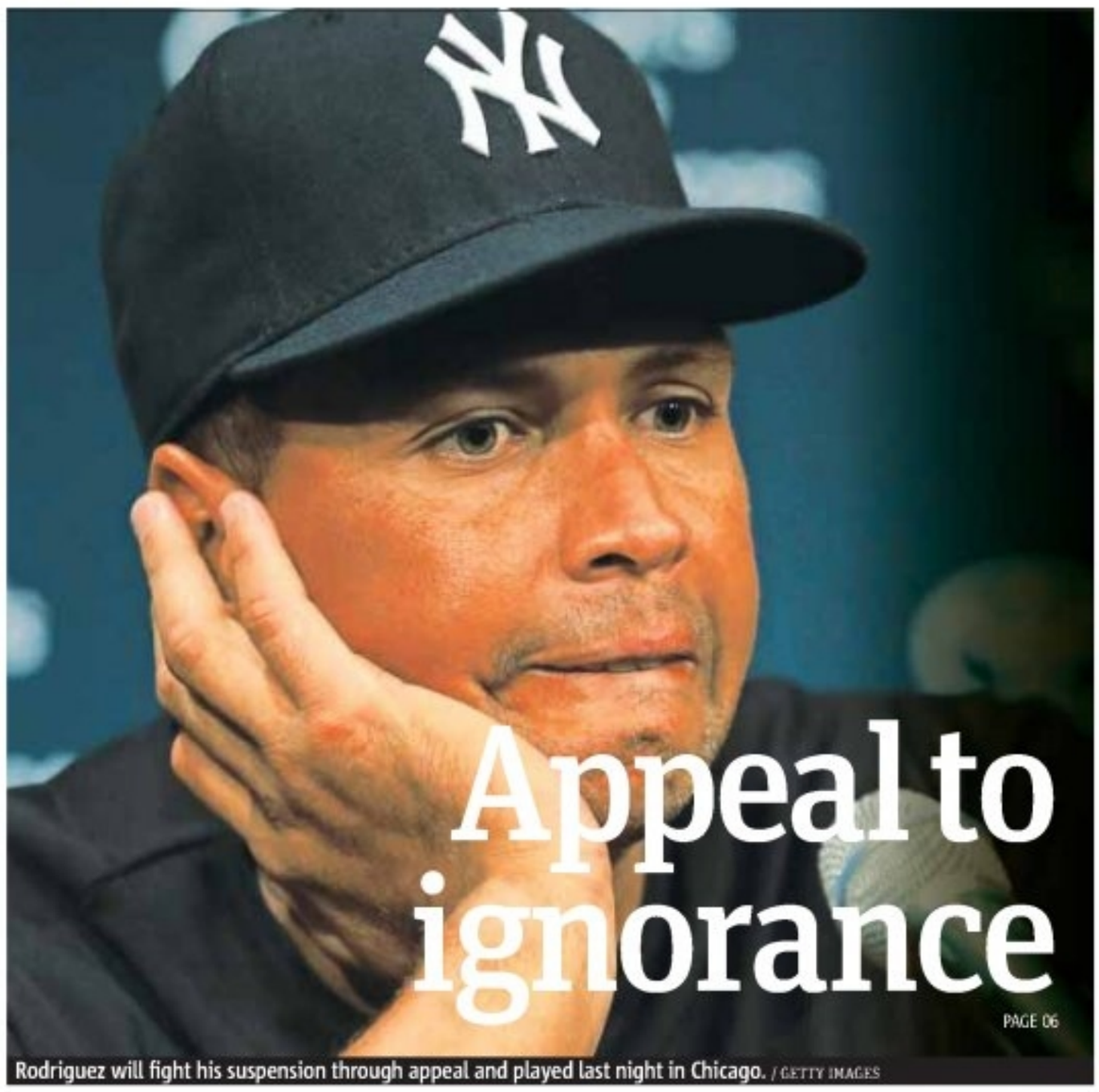
Biogenesis day. The ax falls on Alex Rodriguez as he's suspended until 2015. **Evidence.** MLB says he showed a pattern of PED use over "multiple years."



Appeal to ignorance

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Rodriguez will fight his suspension through appeal and played last night in Chicago. / GETTY IMAGES

Prosecutor: Bulger 'violent, vicious' crook

In closing. U.S. Attorney admits the Boston FBI was once "a mess," but tells jurors to focus on James "Whitey" Bulger's alleged crimes. **Get up, stand up.** Defense attacks government's credibility, urges jury to stand up to feds. PAGE 02

New play is a satiric history of (modern) violence

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1 NEWS

Today's tweet

"Day 1 and I'm already dragging ass #TheGrind #Boston."

We're assuming @AnthonyScala4 has an epic case of the Mondays.

Top 3

What's trending online at Metro.us

1 'Red Sox: Gearing up for a Steven Wright start with Steven Wright jokes'

2 'Drinking games to keep Shark Week interesting'

3 Photos: 'Famous athletes caught using performance-enhancing drugs'

Risky road

Magazine calls Storrow Drive dangerous

In this month's issue of Travel + Leisure magazine, editors named the Storrow Drive westbound bridge over the Storrow Drive tunnel the most dangerous bridge in America.

The publication said the tricky double-decker roadway earned the title due to thick pavement that editors said strains the corroding steel beams that support the structure from underneath. METRO

Critical care

Nurses plan to take staffing issue to ballot

Nurses are taking steps to launch a 2014 ballot campaign and let voters decide issues surrounding staffing levels in hospitals.

The push comes as the state implements new regulations, stemming from the 2012 health care cost control law, aimed at limiting mandatory nurse overtime to specific situations.

According to the Massachusetts Nurses Association, it is filing the Patient Safety Act "in response to deteriorating patient care conditions in the state's acute care hospitals." SHNS

Special delivery

Woman hits newspaper truck

A 25-year-old woman was ordered held on bail yesterday after she pleaded not guilty to allegedly being drunk when she crashed her car into a Globe delivery truck.

Vivencia Bellegarde crashed into the truck as it was traveling on I-93 north near Leverett Circle just after 3 a.m. yesterday.

The force of the crash pushed the truck over the guardrail and onto an exit ramp about 40 feet below. The Globe said the driver had injuries that were not life-threatening. METRO

Closings focus on Bulger, key witnesses

Whitey trial. The defense tried to cast doubt on the key government witnesses as the jury begins deliberations today.

In a series of photos released by Bulger's defense team, Bulger and girlfriend Teresa Stanley are seen holding parrots, a shirtless Bulger poses on a wall overlooking the ocean and Bulger and former Boston Bruin Chris Nilan smile with the Stanley Cup. / PACER

A federal prosecutor acknowledged law enforcement flaws and that the Boston FBI office was once "a mess," but told jurors in deciding the fate of James "Whitey" Bulger that it shouldn't matter and that they should convict the 83-year-old former mob boss.

"It's not about whether or not the FBI office in Boston was a mess. It's not a referendum on whether or not Kevin Weeks and John Martorano should be spending the rest of their lives in jail just like [Stephen] Flemmi. It's about whether or not the defendant is guilty of the crimes charged in the indictment. He's the one on trial here, ladies and gentlemen, not the government, not the FBI … not John Martorano, not Kevin Weeks," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Fred Wyshak.

Closing arguments in the Bulger trial got underway yesterday morning with Wyshak delivering his more-than-three-hour speech before the 18 jurors, including six alternates.

Wyshak began his closing argument by vilifying Bulger and called him "one of the most vicious, violent and calculating criminals ever to walk the streets of Boston."

One of the most contested issues during the trial that remained so right up until just before the defense rested its case on Friday was the murder of Debra Davis. The government alleges Bulger strangled her, but the defense said it was Flemmi, her boyfriend, who killed her and Martorano testified that Flemmi told him he had killed her. Wyshak told the jurors that it doesn't matter who actually strangled her.

"You don't have to decide who strangled Debbie Davis. That's been an issue that's contended in this case. What you need to decide is if Mr. Bulger has any criminal liability in this murder," Wyshak said, pointing out that it was Bulger who allegedly ordered her death.

Bulger's take

Defense attacks credibility

The defense spent its time talking to the jury about governmental responsibility and the credibility of the government witnesses.

"The federal government is the most powerful force on Earth in terms of a government … but there is one instance when a small group of people can stand up to the federal government … you are those folks," Bulger attorney J. W. Carney said.

Carney walked the jury through a criteria of five questions that he said was to help them judge the truthfulness of Martorano, Weeks and Flemmi.

He asked the jurors at least four times if they could trust Flemmi.

Besides spending time explaining the legal aspects of the racketeering and other charges against Bulger, Wyshak also told the jury not to get "distracted" by the defense team's focus on other issues — like the question of Bulger's informant status.

"Why has it been so hotly contested at this trial? Because Mr. Bulger cares more about his reputation as an FBI informant than he does about his reputation as a murderous thug," Wyshak said.

Bulger rarely looked up from the defense table as Wyshak spoke. Bulger kept his head down and continuously wrote on a legal pad except for a moment when Wyshak walked over to the defense table and pointed at him. Bulger briefly looked up, then went back to writing.

Wyshak also addressed the issue of the fellow Winter Hill Gang members who were not in jail and who the government gave plea deals to.

"The government held its nose and made a deal with John Martorano. And what are the results, ladies and gentlemen? The result is Stephen Flemmi is serving life in prison. The result is John Connolly is serving 40 years for murder in a Florida prison," Wyshak said.

Judge Denise Casper will give instructions to the jurors this morning before handing the case over to them.

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Attempted murder

Alleged arsonist sent for evaluation

A Brighton woman was ordered held on $250,000 bail and sent for mental health evaluation yesterday on charges that she set a building on fire, trapping her daughter and a man inside.

Lisa Brown, 49, allegedly started the fire round 4:30 a.m. Sunday while her daughter and the daughter's boyfriend, both 21, were inside the Jette Court building.

Brown / SUFFOLK DA

She was charged with arson and two counts of attempted murder and assault by means of a dangerous weapon, Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley said.

Both victims were rescued and taken to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Conley said.

Prosecutors said Brown set the fire following an argument with the victims that ended with the pair locking themselves in a bedroom. Brown allegedly pulled a knife on them, then used a dead bolt to lock them in the room.

The victims told police they smelled lighter fluid and called the fire department. Police found a knife and lighter fluid during Brown's arrest. MORGAN ROUSSEAU

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Cardboard cop deters MBTA crime

Cut it out. A poster board of a transit officer has slashed the number of bike thefts at Alewife Station.

Bicycle thefts at Alewife Station have plummeted since Transit Police erected two life-sized cutouts of an officer at the Cambridge T stop's bike racks.

The MBTA put up the posterboard scarecrow on July 5 in an effort to deter thieves from stealing transit customers' bikes, as the station is a notorious hot spot for thieves.

Since then, bike larcenies have dropped by 67 percent compared to the month of July last year.

"I think it's our inner conscience. Even though they know that it's not a real cop, there is some psychology at work. People realize it's a cutout, but there is still a set of eyes in a blue uniform," Transit Police Deputy Chief Robert Lenehan said yesterday.

The faux officer is made from a photograph of in-the-flesh transit officer David Silen, who volunteered his image for the experiment.

MBTA officers got the idea for the standies after learning that law enforcement agencies around the world were putting them to use. If the cutouts offer long-term deterrence, the T will consider placing them throughout the system.

"We want to look at trying it out at other high bike-theft locations, and there are certain stations that we are constantly getting complaints about quality-of-life crimes like fare evasion and smoking. We may try [the cutouts] out there," Lenehan said.

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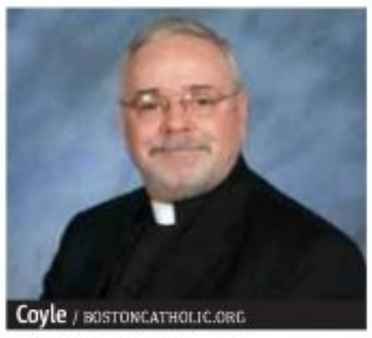
Larceny dip

For all of 2013 so far, bike thefts at Alewife Station are down by 56 percent overall since January when compared to 2012.

- Transit Police attribute the overall drop in theft to an increase in officers on bicycles who patrol the station and its surrounding area. Police also believe that additional warning signs have helped decrease the number of bike thefts.

Boston monsignor allegedly caught with a prostitute

Sex solicitation. The Archdiocese of Boston said the Merrimack Valley monsignor took a leave of absence following his arrest.


Coyle / BOSTONCATHOLIC.ORG

A monsignor from the Archdiocese of Boston took a leave of absence yesterday after pleading not guilty to one count of sexual conduct for a fee after allegedly paying a prostitute at a Lowell cemetery over the weekend.

The Rev. Monsignor Arthur M. Coyle, a 62-year-old Merrimack Valley official with the Archdiocese of Boston, was arrested around 5:15 p.m. Sunday after he allegedly offered a prostitute money for sex behind the Holy Trinity Polish Cemetery on Boston Road.

Police said they followed a vehicle that they believed belonged to a prostitute, which parked behind the cemetery, and discovered Coyle with the prostitute moments later.

He was arraigned yesterday in Lowell District Court, according to Middlesex County District Attorney spokeswoman MaryBeth Long.

Bail was set at $500, Long said, but Coyle was released on personal recognizance. He is due in court on Sept. 16 for a pretrial conference.

Following the arraignment, the Archdiocese of Boston released a statement saying that Coyle had taken "a voluntary administrative leave from his assignment, as a result of his arrest on charges related to sexual misconduct involving an adult."

The statement went on to say that while on leave Coyle would be prohibited from performing any public ministry.

"These restrictions will remain in place pending the outcome of the case. The steps taken today do not represent a determination of Msgr. Coyle's guilt or innocence as it pertains to these charges. The Archdiocese asks for prayers for all impacted by this matter," it said.

Coyle has been serving as Episcopal vicar of the Merrimack region for the Archdiocese since 2008. He was ordained a priest in 1977 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.

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Dangerous bugs

West Nile threat level raised to moderate

City health officials yesterday raised the threat level for the West Nile virus to "moderate" due to two consecutive weeks of a high number of mosquitoes testing positive for the virus. METRO

Pumped up

Gas prices dip in wake of tax hike

In the first survey since last week's 3-cent-per-gallon increase in the state gas tax, AAA of Southern New England reported that gas prices are down 2 cents a gallon. Survey takers found gas averaging $3.69 per gallon, up 21 cents a gallon over the past month. Prices ranged from a low of $3.56 to a high of $3.85. SHNS

Boating with a feel of fall

A crowd of kayakers make their way through the lagoons along the Esplanade yesterday with a hint of early autumn in the air. Extremely low humidity and a gentle breeze made yesterday's high of 77 degrees feel more like September than August. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

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$250 million

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos to buy Washington Post

The Washington Post Co. has agreed to sell its newspaper assets, including its flagship daily, to Amazon Inc. founder Jeff Bezos for $250 million.

The move comes as newspapers face unprecedented challenges with declines in advertising revenue and readership.

The Washington Post
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Washington Post Chairman and Chief Executive Donald E. Graham, whose family owns the paper, said it would be better served with another owner.

"I, along with Katharine Weymouth and our board of directors, decided to sell only after years of familiar newspaper-industry challenges made us wonder if there might be another owner who would be better for the Post," Graham said.

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The transaction covers The Washington Post and other publishing businesses, including the Express newspaper, The Gazette Newspapers, Southern Maryland Newspapers, Fairfax County Times, El Tiempo Latino and Greater Washington Publishing.

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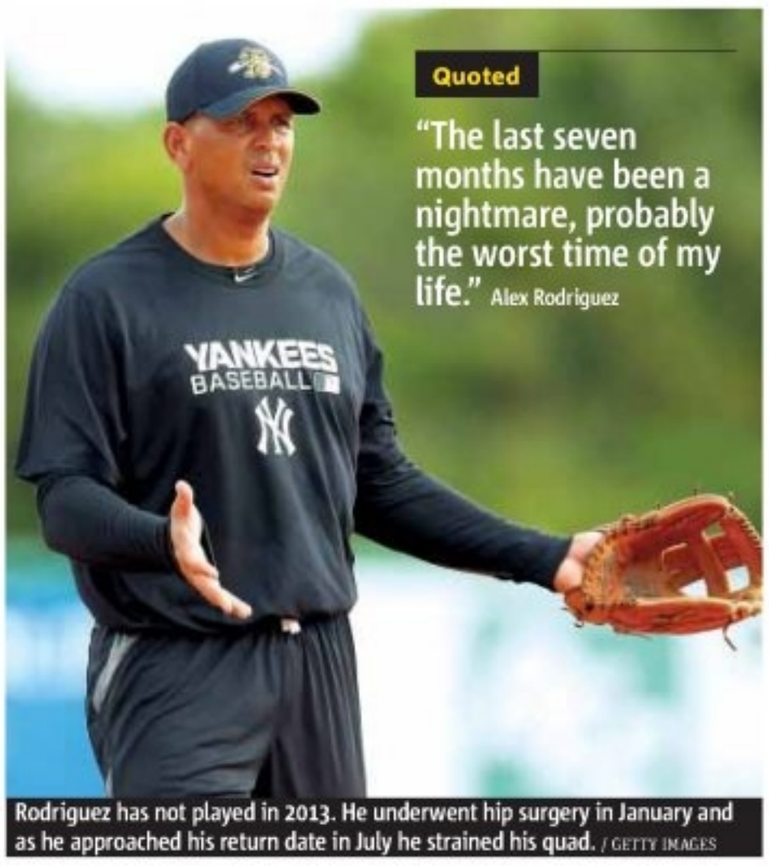
A-Rod suspended through 2014, others accept deals



Rodriguez has not played in 2013. He underwent hip surgery in January and as he approached his return date in July he strained his quad. / GETTY IMAGES

Punishment. The suspension will become effective on Aug. 8.

For as outsized a media production as Alex Rodriguez's suspension became, the MLB delivered the official news in understated fashion with a simple press release yesterday afternoon.

Rodriguez has been suspended through the end of the 2014 season.

MLB released the following statement:

"Rodriguez's discipline under the Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program is based on his use and possession of numerous forms of prohibited performance-enhancing substances, including Testosterone and human Growth Hormone, over the course of multiple years."

The suspension, which will become effective on Thursday, Aug. 8, will cover 211 regular season games and any 2013 postseason games in which Rodriguez otherwise would have been eligible to play.

The road to suspension began in January with a report by the Miami New Times that looked into a clinic called Biogenesis run by Anthony Bosch. The report detailed a pattern of providing big-name athletes, including Rodriguez and the now-suspended Ryan Braun, with performance-enhancing drugs. MLB began an investigation soon thereafter, which culminated in yesterday's suspensions.

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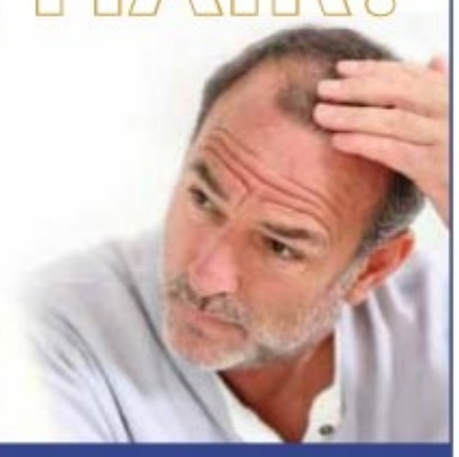

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Talking points

SIMON COWELL

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Cowell's 'harem' warned him

Apparently Simon Cowell got plenty of warning from his "harem" of ex-girlfriends to watch out for Lauren Silverman, the married woman now said to be pregnant with his child, as they "were concerned about her motives and intentions," according to Radar Online. "Simon was warned — on multiple occasions — that he needed to be careful," says a source, explaining that Cowell has remained quite close to many of his exes.

Swift will continue her ways

Fair warning to potential Taylor Swift suitors: She is looking to continue combining business and pleasure, according to Rolling Stone magazine. "I am getting to a point where the only love worth being in is the love worth singing about," Swift says. "When you experience something that's worth writing a song about, chances are it's the same kind of intense feeling that someone else has felt and it has led them to be sitting on a bedroom floor crying or walking through a crowded room feeling alone."

A fine flock of men for 'The Butler'

Cuba Gooding Jr., Lenny Kravitz and Jesse Williams posed for a group hug at the press conference for "The Butler," directed by Lee Daniels, at the Waldorf Astoria on Monday. You know who else was there? Oprah. Stedman better watch it. / GETTY IMAGES FOR LEE DANIEL'S TH

Lohan takes a jab at Kristen Stewart

Welp, it took 10 years, but I finally love Lindsay Lohan.

The actress made her first appearance as a guest host for "Chelsea Lately" and decided to kick things off by mocking "Twilight" star Kristen Stewart. "I'm just excited that Kristen Stewart, you know, finally showed some emotion," Lohan offered while discussing a photo in which Stewart is seen yelling at a photographer. "Of course she hates photographers. They got a picture of her kissing a married man in a Mini Cooper."

It looks like she's off the drugs, but hard on the sarcasm. Let's keep it up, LiLo.

LINDSAY LOHAN

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THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Mistress's self-love porn

Sydney Leathers, the e-mistress of former congressman and New York mayoral hopeful Anthony Weiner, is releasing a masturbation porn video (because of course she is).

Leathers filmed the porno at Vivid in Los Angeles in the last few days, according to TMZ. The site reports that in the video, Leathers "strikes a bunch of stereotypical porn poses and away she goes ... strumming the old banjo."

And now the song "I've Been Working on the Railroad" is completely ruined for me for life.

BROLIN DOES BATMAN?

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Who will be the next Batman?

Now that Christian Bale has taken his last, Darth Vader-esque breath as Batman, who is going to fill those neoprene boots for the next installation? The Hollywood Reporter says two Bruce Waynes may be cast. One who is older and more cynical (they are eyeing Josh Brolin) as well as a younger Batman, with Ryan Gosling, Joe Manganiello and Matthew Goode in the casting mix.

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jim Carrey is just trying to relax and Anna Kendrick is not adjusting to the time difference.

@JimCarrey: Here's what they left out of The Secret. You can manifest anything in the world but first you have to convince yourself you deserve it.

@AnnaKendrick47: Now, my problem w being awake at 3:30am is less that it's 6 hours before work and more that it's 4 hours before they serve any food #jetlag

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The cast of "Why Torture" tries to find some bright spots amid the violence. / EVGENIA ELISEEVA

Modern history of violence

Review. Christopher Durang's 'Why Torture Is Wrong, and the People Who Love Them' works a finely-tuned trigger and hits all its marks.

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It's hard to laugh in all the right places at Christopher Durang's dark comedy "Why Torture Is Wrong, and the People Who Love Them."

When the smartly written satire was penned, Durang was aiming squarely at trigger-happy Bush apologists and their ilk, while swiping freely at the magic of live theater. This intertwining of buffoonery, hatemongering and the neuroses of the all-too-fragile male ego makes for riotous, scathing commentary. And, under the impeccable direction of Adam Zahler, Titanic Theatre Company mines every word of this madness for comic gold.

But people aren't laughing as heartily as the production warrants. The audience's reaction feels unintentionally restrained, perhaps, in part, due to the ever-present specter of an attractive young man currently on trial for his suspected acts of terrorism. Or, perhaps, it's a discomfort with the role of the gun-waving right-winger who claims to be part of a "shadow government."

If we couldn't put names and faces — all too present — to these caricatures, people would likely be laughing harder, identifying less on an emotional level and enjoying the sweeping condemnations. But Alexander J. Morgan is so convincing as the foreign and thus "dangerous" Zamir it's hard not to think of Tsarnaev. Jeff Gill is equally unnerving and impressive as his right-wing, gun-toting, vigilante nemesis Leonard.

On the flip side, Caroline Rose Markham is delightful as Felicity, the usually sensible girl who wakes up married to Zamir after a bender (or a roofie). Jonathan Barron adds great light and levity with his engaging portrayal of a chill man of the cloth-slash-porn creator Reverend Mike.

Throughout the story, Felicity's mother Luella (well-rendered by Shelley Brown) survives all the insanity through daydreams and reveries of the theater. Durang attempts to wrap the whole twisted story up with a bow, aiming for an ironic happily-ever-after. However, the comedy is so dark and the wit so sharp that it feels a bit more confused than ironic.

There's no room for happy endings in "Torture," which is finely wrought social commentary that will leave audiences affected, either way.

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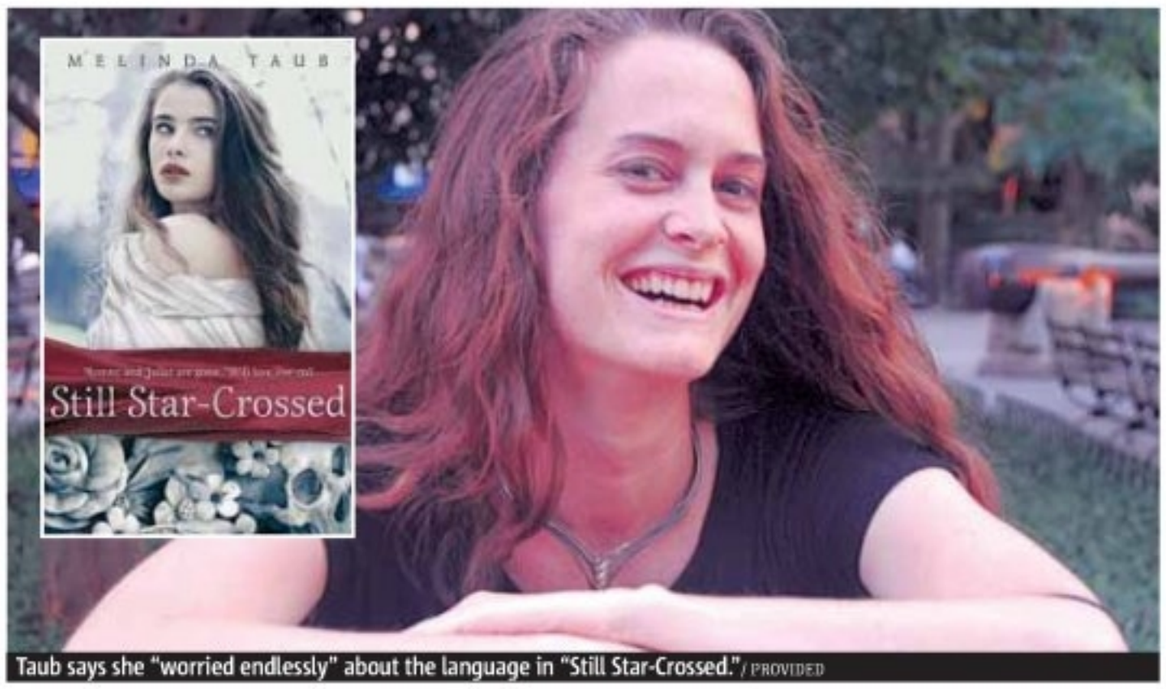
Where 'Romeo and Juliet' ended

What's in a name?
"Still Star-Crossed" is a sequel of sorts of Shakespeare's classic.

Author Melinda Taub refers to her young adult book, "Still Star-Crossed," as a mash-up of "adventure and romance" that chronicles the story of the characters who survive "Romeo and Juliet" as they fight to stop the deadly feud from reigniting. As you can tell, this isn't the Shakespeare you remember from high school. "Still Star-Crossed" contains "sword fights, masked assassins, betrayal, a ball, cross-dressing, iambic pentameter, kissing and horses," as Taub puts it. She had us at cross-dressing.

What is it about the story of "Romeo and Juliet" that made you think to create a sequel of sorts?
I really love the world of "Romeo and Juliet." It's essentially a romantic comedy for the first half — it's full of dancing and kisses and sex jokes, before a series of coincidences and bad choices turn it toward tragedy. It gives you the feeling that the cycle will continue when the play's done, just like it does in real life. Characters like Mercutio and the nurse feel like they've wandered in from other, equally interesting plays. There are more stories to be told about Verona.

How much research did you do to write "Still Star-Crossed"?
I didn't do as much research as you might think. I tried mostly to use words in the dialogue that Shakespeare would use, so I kept a copy of his complete works handy and searched through it every 30 seconds or so. However, I wanted to really capture the feel of Shakespeare's style or at least honor it, and Shakespeare flew by the seat of his pants a lot of the time. If he needed a word that didn't exist, he made it up. He played pretty fast and loose with history and geography, too. So I thought it was only right that I did the same.



Taub says she "worried endlessly" about the language in "Still Star-Crossed." / PROVIDED

What were some of the biggest liberties you took in writing this?
I took small liberties all over the place. Shakespeare is a bold storyteller who liked to include a little of everything awesome, so I tried to do the same. I'd rather include a word he wouldn't have used, but would have liked, than fret too much about historical accuracy.

On language

Were you ever worried that writing it in Shakespearean English might throw readers off?
"I worried endlessly about the language. For the first few drafts of the book, the dialogue varied wildly — sometimes incomprehensibly Elizabethan, sometimes sounding straight out of 'Gossip Girl.'" Taub says that over time, she found a happy medium. "I think anyone, even a total Shakespeare novice, could pick the book up and follow it with no trouble — and hopefully, they'll find the story exciting enough that they'll want to."

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A thrilling summer of roller coaster fun

Amusement. Summer may be winding down, but there's still plenty of time to get your heart racing with these rides.

The Cyclone is a New York City classic. / JOEL ROGERS

Pete Trabucco has a pretty thrilling job — he's an amusement park expert. The author of "America's Top Roller Coasters and Amusement Parks" gave us the 411 on the best roller coasters for you to see this summer.

Hottest new coaster

Gatekeeper
Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio
www.cedarpoint.com
Trabucco calls Cedar Point the "Mecca for all roller coaster enthusiasts." Gatekeeper is "one of the most anticipated rides that's coming out of that location," he says. "It's an absolutely amazing wing coaster in which you are actually suspended on the other side of this entire track," he says. "You are just flying with nothing but just air."

Cedar Point — which calls itself the roller coaster capital of the world — has 16 coasters, including Gatekeeper, which was introduced in May. It is also the only amusement park to have four coasters taller than 200 feet, including Top Thrill Dragster, the second tallest roller coaster in the world.

Tallest thriller

Kingda Ka
Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.
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Best wooden coasters

The Cyclone
Luna Park, Coney Island, N.Y.
www.lunaparknyc.com
With six 180-degree turns and 12 drops, including a fall from 85 feet, this 86-year-old historical New York City landmark will take you for a bumpy ride.

"You can't talk wooden rides without talking the Cyclone," Trabucco says. "It's still one of my favorites, even though it might not be as good a ride as El Toro."

El Toro
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For the little ones

Best kiddie coasters

"Any park that you go to, you're going to find at least one or two kid rides that are really well worth going on," Trabucco says. "If you're an adult and you're like me, you're not going to fit, but you hold your breath." Trabucco recommends:

- **Sesame Place**
Langhorne, Pa.
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- **Walt Disney World Resort**
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www.disneyworld.disney.go.com

- **Runaway Mine Train**
Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.
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Vacationing in Florida?

Dragon Challenge
Harry Potter World, Universal Park, Orlando, Fla.
www.universalorlando.com/harrypotter/
"The Dragon Challenge is basically two coasters that actually come tip to tip," says Trabucco. "When you're on the ride you actually almost touch toes as you loop the loop simultaneously."

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Park news

Safari expansion nets Six Flags' new title

Six Flags is 510 acres. / RDNWYATT

Move over Disney. Six Flags Great Adventure is now the world's largest park thanks to its newest expansion ride, Safari Off Road Adventure. The Jackson, N.J., theme park re-imagined its 38-year old Wild Safari park during the off-season, outfitting the 350-acre, 1,200 animal preserve with 18 open-air safari vehicles customized from surplus army trucks.

"It's a worthwhile, interesting attraction," says Paul Ruben, industry expert and North American editor of Park World magazine, who recently made the trip to Great Adventure.

By merging the Safari reserve with the existing Great Adventure property, the park is now 510 acres — surpassing Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom (500 acres) as the world's largest theme park.

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Rent it. That mansion on the beach you've been lusting for may not be within your price range — but you can pretend.

Jet-setting around town and living out of a suitcase may seem glamorous, but it gets old fast. There's something special about crossing the threshold of a house — the kind of house you don't usually live in — and making it "home" for a few days. Robert Milne, president of Wyndham Vacation Rentals North America — a company specializing in luxury house rentals — gave us some tips about making yourself at home while you're on vacation.

What kind of folks usually go for rental houses?
Typically, our demographic, as you can probably imagine, is a family. But usually it's more than just two adults. It's the mom and dad and maybe the uncle or a friend, because renting gives people an opportunity to invite other friends or family that they might not otherwise.

What makes renting a house different from staying in a hotel?
I'm a perfect example of it, actually. [My family] rents vacation houses when we travel, and it's funny how over the years different members of the family invited friends who we never would have thought of inviting if we were going to stay in a hotel. It's like, even though we're good friends, I'm not going to invite you to stay in a hotel with me — but it's different when it is a house. Plus, if you invite your friend along, the cost splits among a lot of people and makes it a good value.

Sites like VRBO, Airbnb and HomeAway make it easy to rent houses. What makes your company different?
One of the bigger differences between the professionally managed properties versus houses managed by owners is that a lot of the owners don't have the sophistication of software to make sure that double-bookings and other problems don't happen. We came up with a "renter's bill of rights" that we could stand behind as a company. It is a service pledge that promises high standards of customer service, real-time booking, accurate property portrayals and diverse properties with clean, regularly inspected units.

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Horoscope

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
A new endeavor could turn out to have much more potential than even you thought. Give promising opportunities your full attention.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
You happen to be in an excellent achievement cycle, so the last thing you should be worrying about is getting things done. Obstacles facing you will be easily circumvented.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
There are strong indications that you might form a new alliance with someone whose interests and ideas merge especially well with yours. This will be a propitious pairing.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
Instead of just thinking about making some changes that you believe could be advantageous, go ahead and make them. Your instincts will point you in the right direction.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
If you're in need of a special favor, go to a friend instead of a coworker. The former is likely to help; the latter might resent it.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.
Impressive strides can be made where your work-related objectives are concerned. However, this will only happen if you elevate your sights and shoot for the moon.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.
You should be very effective when reorganizing things that require a special touch. Instinctively, you'll know what needs fixing.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
Although you might have to scout around, there are strong chances that you will arrange something that could produce higher wages for yourself and a colleague.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.
Don't treat your new ideas lightly or put them on the back burner. For some reason, they're likely to work better at this particular time.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.
Usually, it isn't smart to depend too heavily on a hunch, especially when it involves your work, yet today could be an exception. Be sure to use all of your assets.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.
Your chart indicates there is good justification for optimism where your work is concerned. It happens to be one of those days when you can achieve anything.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.
If you're working on something that you believe has social and commercial potential, do your best to bring many people into the process.

BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Letters

US should cast a wider net of castigation

Re: 'Senator: Putin acting like "schoolyard bully"' (Metro, Aug. 5) If we're going to stand up to bullies like Putin, where is the indignation against its high-profile authoritarian neighbor China? Here's a country whose rulers censor the Internet, jail a journalist for predicting Tiananmen Square-anniversary unrest, mandate abortions beyond one child per family and persecute practitioners of the Buddhist-based spiritual discipline Falun Gong. Let's start applying the same standards to bullies worldwide.
STEVEN KALKA, VIA EMAIL

Weiner's good deeds should be considered

Re: 'Don't let one bad spot spoil the whole fruit' (Metro, Aug. 5) I'm glad that letter writer Barbara Mikulski recognizes that Eliot Spitzer should be forgiven for his mistakes. However, I wish that she would be equally tolerant toward Anthony Weiner. When Mr. Weiner was in Congress, he was very good to the senior citizens in his district. And, when the New York Press published a notoriously anti-Catholic article that joked about Pope John Paul II's imminent death, Mr. Weiner was the first politician to condemn them for doing so. I wish that Ms. Mikulski would direct the anger that she feels toward Mr. Weiner to hatemongers like Bill Maher and Whitney Cummings, who refer to mentally challenged children as "retards."
JOHN FRANCIS FOX, VIA EMAIL

To letter writer Barbara Miluski: One of the two, Weiner and Spitzer, broke the law; the other exercised poor judgment. Figure it out. PETER FOGA, VIA EMAIL

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18 Started over
19 Not at all wild
20 Spinach lover
22 Held by a third party (2 wds.)
24 Fight locale
25 Bread, so to speak
26 Calcutta nanny
28 Ms. Witherspoon
32 Clothing
35 Library abbr.
37 Bubbled
38 Si, to Maurice
39 Helena rival
41 Sleazy newspaper
42 Cream puff
45 Two-base hit (abbr.)
46 Markdown
47 Wrap
48 Spouted, as a whale
50 Conger catchers
54 Memory joggers
58 Coercion
61 Swami, e.g.
62 Kind of insurance
63 Port near Hong Kong
65 Jekyll's alter ego
66 — dunk
67 Choir selection
68 Zest for life
69 Chapeau's place
70 Old photo color
71 Edit out

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1 Frat letter
2 Typo
3 Run to wed
4 Nine-day devotions
5 Cabby's take
6 Pamplona shout
7 AM/FM device
8 Acid in proteins
9 Matterhorn echo
10 — Trace (frontier trail)
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12 Thank you, in Kyoto
13 Distort
21 Sweet potato
23 Rani's wear
25 Electrical units
27 Say decidedly
29 Pound or Cornell
30 It has flippers
31 Slight advantage
32 Sandals' lack
33 "Ow!"
34 — monster
36 Inc. cousin
37 Toppled over
40 Flows back
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44 Seine aits
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49 A Miss America host
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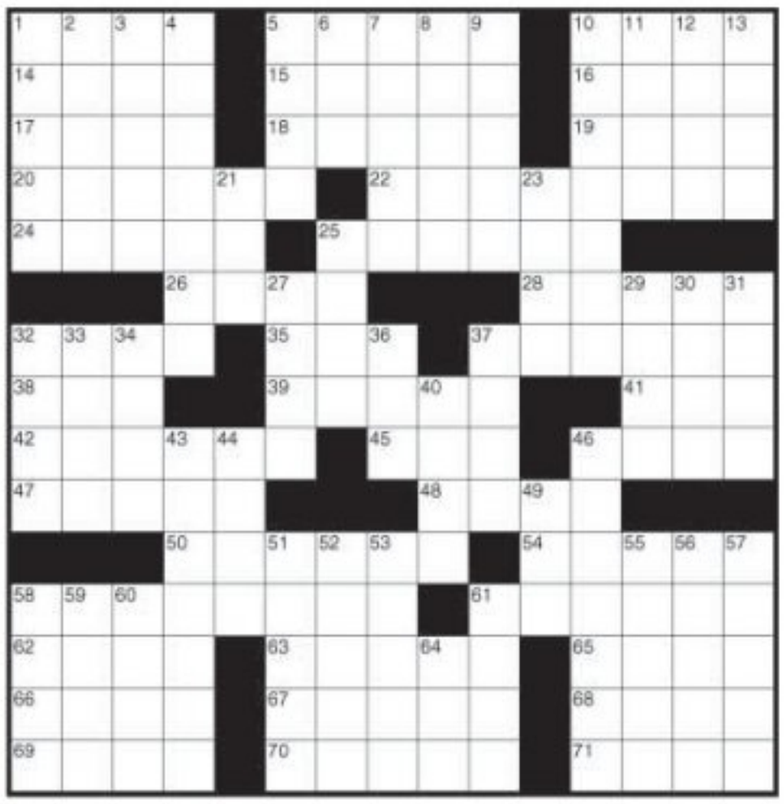

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Leave Mark alone

Rex Ryan / GETTY IMAGES

Jets' Ryan wants fans to play nice with QB Sanchez

Jets fans once took Rex Ryan's word as gospel. But New York's boisterous head coach has lost much of that trust due to the team's downward trend. Ryan now wants Jets fans to "move forward," particularly when it comes to the way they treat Mark Sanchez.

"I'm not going to say I'm disappointed with the fans. But I think we need to move forward," Ryan said. "The things in the past are in the past. Let's focus on what we have in front of us." MATT BURKE

The silent type

Belichick mum on time for Brady

Bill Belichick did not want to reveal how much Tom Brady would play against the Eagles Friday night.

"We haven't even had those discussions yet," Belichick said. MATT BURKE

Uehara having a late career surge with Sox

MLB. The emergence of Koji Uehara in the back of the bullpen has stabilized matters for the Red Sox.

When Red Sox closers Joel Hanrahan and Andrew Bailey went down with season-ending injuries, there was much concern surrounding the position, especially with the Sox possessing one of the better records in all of baseball.

No one on the roster had any real closing experience and most Red Sox fans remembered that the last time the team implemented a "closer by committee" plan back in 2003, it didn't work out so well. Junichi Tazawa was given a shot, but the pressure got to him and he was more comfortable in a set-up role. Aside from making a trade, the Sox had no other choice but to give Koji Uehara a shot, which they did, and it may have been the best decision they've made all season.

Since taking over the closer's role on June 26, in save situations Uehara is 1-0 with 10 saves and a 1.40 ERA with 19 strikeouts. Until Saturday night, all of his saves were perfect appearances. Closing games in Boston might feature some added pressure, but not for Uehara.

"Not really," Uehara said through an interpreter. "I just feel happy to be throwing in the major leagues."

The 38-year-old Uehara pitched from 1999-2008 with the Yomiuri Giants in Japan before coming over to the States and pitching for the Orioles, followed by the Rangers and the Sox. He is now in his fifth MLB season. The key for Uehara is his ability to throw strikes and get hitters out quickly. He leads AL relievers in strikeout/walk ratio at 8.8 and is second in strikeouts with 70.

"I think the key is when I am warming up; I always concentrate on hitting the spots and that carries over into games," Uehara said.

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The art of the close

0.35

Red Sox relief pitcher Koji Uehara is 2-0 with a microscopic 0.35 ERA in his last 25 games. During that stretch he has walked just three batters while striking out 36 through Aug. 3.

Koji Uehara has 10 saves this season and a 1.40 ERA. / GETTY IMAGES

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